Construction of Express way around NCT Region

3338. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps are being taken up in the form of constructing expressways or by-passes around NCT Region to decongest the Delhi roads; and

(b) if not, how Government plan to srnoothen the traffic movement in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Replacement of Timber Bridges in Tripura

3339. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that availability of timber for bridges is constrained due to Government Order;

(b) whether the State Government of Tripura has proposed for replacement of the timber bridges in the State by permanent Referral Concrete (R.C.) bridges; and

(c) if so, the response of the Central Government to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.'

(c) The State Government's proposals for replacement of four timber bridges by RCC have already been sanctioned with the Central share of Rs. 301.11 lakhs under E and I Scheme.

Conversion of World Bank Loan to J.N.P.T. into Equity

3340. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert entire loan provided by World Bank to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust into equity at the time of corporatising the port;